

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended. The amendments are supported by paragraphs [0063]-[0084] of the originally filed specification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 11, and 12 were rejected in the final Office Action under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The Examiner withdrew this rejection in the Advisory Action.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Itoh (US 2001/0021037) in view of Partial Translation of JP 2000-215124 (JP '124) and Takayama (US 2002/0133564). This rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 is directed to a network scanner device for transmitting image data through a network. The device includes a storage section in which sender e-mail addresses associated with mail titles are stored, the sender e-mail addresses being distinct from a sending station address specifying the network scanner device. The device also includes a second setting section for, when a sender e-mail address and mail title is selected from the sender e-mail addresses associated with mail titles stored in the storage section, setting up the selected sender e-mail address and mail title in place of the sending station address. A transmission control section carries out control for adding to scanned image data the sender e-mail address and the mail title set by the second setting section and transmitting the image data to the recipient address set by a first setting section. Accordingly, convenience and ease of use from both the sender's and recipient's perspective can be improved.

The cited art fails to disclose or suggest a storage section in which sender e-mail addresses associated with mail titles are stored, the sender e-mail addresses being distinct from a sending station address specifying the network scanner device, as claimed. In particular, none of the cited art describes storing sender e-mail addresses associated with mail titles. For example, Takayama merely discloses storing a list of *destination* addresses, rather than sender e-mail address as claimed, and does not disclose storing any addresses in association with mail titles. Moreover, none of the

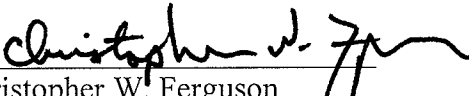
cited art describes a second setting section for, when a sender e-mail address and mail title is selected from the sender e-mail addresses associated with mail titles stored in the storage section, setting up the selected sender e-mail address and mail title in place of the sending station address, as claimed. Additionally, none of the cited art describes adding to scanned image data the sender e-mail address and the mail title set by the second setting section and transmitting the image data to the recipient address set by a first setting section, as claimed.

In view of the above, the invention defined by claim 1 is not rendered obvious by the cited art. Claim 1 is thus allowable. Claims 11 and 12 recite similar features as claim 1 and are allowable for similar reasons. The remaining claims are allowable due to their dependency on an allowable base claim. Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding rejection and issue a Notice of Allowance.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **204552031700**.

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